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SUBJ: U.S. CORRESPONDENTS FOLLOW-UP ON CSCE

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1. TO TEST SOVIET INTERPRETATION OF BASKET III OF CSCE FINAL ACT, SEVERAL US RESIDENT CORRESPONDENTS HAVE APPLIED, OR ARE IN PROCESS OF APPLYING, FOR MULTIPLE-ENTRY/EXIT VISAS AS COVERED IN PARA 2 ON WORKING CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS WHICH STATES THAT, QUOTE THE PARTICIPATING STATES INTEND IN PARTICULAR TO -- GRANT TO PERMANENTLY ACCREDITED JOURNALISTS OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES, ON THE BASIS OF ARRANGEMENTS, MULTIPLE ENTRY AND EXIT VISAS FOR SPECIFIED PERIODS. UNQUOTE. FOUR APPLICATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN TURNED DOWN: JAMES JACKSON OF THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE, CHARLES WALLACE OF UPI, ELIZABETH POND OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, AND CHRISTOPHER WREN OF NYTIMES.

2. ASKED WHY VISAS REQUESTS WERE BEING DENIED, MFA/PRESS DIVISION OFFICIAL TAMARA GORBACHEVA TOLD WALLACE HE HAD NOT READ THE CSCE DOCUMENT QUOTE ATTENTIVELY UNQUOTE, AND THAT PHRASE QUOTE ON THE BASIS OF ARRANGEMENTS UNQUOTE MEANT THAT  
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US AND USSR WOULD HAVE TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF SIMULTANEOUSLY

GRANTING MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS. GORBACHEVA WOULD NOT SPECULATE WHEN SUCH DISCUSSIONS MIGHT BE HELD. JACKSON TALKED WITH MFA/PRESS DIVISION OFFICIAL VALENTIN KHAZOV AND INFORMED HIM STORY WAS BEING WRITTEN AND OFFICIAL SOVIET STATEMENT WAS DESIRED. KHAZOV REPLIED THAT QUOTE ON THE BASIS OF ARRANGEMENTS UNQUOTE WAS INTERPRETED BY SOVIETS TO MEAN THAT, QUOTE FURTHER BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS, NOT ONLY BETWEEN THE US AND USSR BUT BETWEEN OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES AS WELL, WERE NECESSARY TO REACH AGREEMENTS ON THE ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO FOREIGN JOURNALISTS. UNQUOTE.

3. US CORRESPONDENTS ARE AGITATED ABOUT TURN-DOWNS AND ARE CIRCULATING A LETTER TO BE SENT TO MFA/PRESS DIVISION CHIEF V.N. SOFINSKIY REQUESTING MEETING TO DISCUSS THEIR COMPLAINTS. CORRESPONDENTS ALSO SEEKING STATEMENTS FROM EMBASSY ON USG ATTITUDE TOWARD TURN-DOWN OF VISA APPLICATIONS AND USG POSITION ON MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS FOR SOVIET JOURNALISTS IN US. US PRESS PUSHING HARD ON THIS ISSUE AND STORIES ARE LIKELY ON SOVIET INTRANSIGENCE AND POSSIBLY ON US LACK OF INTEREST UNLESS WE DEMONSTRATE USG IS MOVING TO IMPLEMENT CSCE PROVISIONS. WE ARE USING PRESS GUIDANCE PER REFTEL, BUT CORRESPONDENTS STRONGLY FEEL ISSUE OF VISAS HAS TAKEN ON NEW DIMENSIONS WITH SIGNING OF CSCE FINAL ACT. THEY ARE TESTING NOT ONLY SOVIET ATTITUDES TOWARD COMPLIANCE BUT ALSO SEEKING CONCRETE INDICATIONS OF USG ACTIONS SUBSEQUENT TO HELSINKI MEETING. ON THIS BASIS, WE PROPOSE FOLLOWING:

4. ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. THAT EMBASSY BE AUTHORIZED TO DELIVER NOTE TO MFA ALONG FOLLOWING LINES, OR PREFERABLY THAT SIMILAR NOTE BE DELIVERED BY DEPT TO SOVEMBASSY WASHINGTON, WITH COPY DELIVERED HERE: QUOTE. TAKING NOTE OF THE SECTION ON CO-OPERATION IN HUMANITARIAN AND OTHER FIELDS, ITEM 2 ON INFORMATION, CLAUSE (C) ON IMPROVEMENT OF WORKING CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE, SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES THAT THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF THE UNITED STATES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND OF THE SOVIET UNION BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE MULTIPLE ENTRY/EXIT VISAS OF ONE-YEAR VALIDITY TO CORRESPONDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES FROM EACH COUNTRY WHO ARE ACCREDITED FOR RESIDENCE IN THE OTHER. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES EXPRESSES ITS READINESS TO BRING THIS PROPOSAL INTO EFFECT UPON RECEIPT OF A NOTE FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPRESSING AGREEMENT WITH IT. UNQUOTE.

B. THAT, UPON DELIVERY OF THE NOTE, WE BE AUTHORIZED TO  
INFORM US CORRESPONDENTS, IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES, THAT WE  
HAVE OFFICIALLY PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROVISION OF  
THE CSCE FINAL ACT.  
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